**Setting up more Agricultural Export Zones**

4624. SHRI (^RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the actiop taken, to withstand competition under the World Trade Organization by Enhancing Water Conservation Schemes and storage facilities for farmers;

(b) whether the Government proposed to set up more agricultural export zones for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Rain water conservation and harvesting is an integral component of watershed development programmes, which are being implemented all over the country. Keeping in view the diverse agro-ecological situations, location specific technologies are adopted for rain water conservation under the watershed development programmes. The major schemes implemented by Ministry of Agriculture for enhancing water conservation in the country are as follows:

1. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA).

2. Soils conservation for enhancing productivity of degraded land in the catchment of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers.

In order to strengthen the storage infrastructure in the country, a new Central Sector Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for construction renovation/expansion of Rural Godowns has been, approved to create new storage capacity and renovation of rural capacity.

Schemes for strengthening the post-harvest management, infrastructure and minimizing post-harvest losses are being implemented.

(b) and (c) In order to encourage exports of agricultural/ horticultural commodities, 24 Agri Exports Zones have been approved so far. The details are given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Product-wise and State-wise details of Agri Export Zones approved so far*

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| Sl. No. | Products | Concerned State |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Pineapples | West Bengal |
| 2. | Gherkins | Karnataka |
| 3. | Litchi | Uttranchal |
| 4. | Vegetables | Punjab |
| 5. | Potatoes | Uttar Prades |
| 6. | Mangoes | Uttar Pradesh |
| 7. | Potatoes | Punjab |
| 8. | Mangoes | Uttar Pradesh |
| 9. | Grapes & Grape Wine | Maharashtra |
| 10. | Mango Pulp & Vegetables | Andhra Pradesh |
| 11. | Pineapples | Tripura |
| 12. | Potato, Onion & Garlic | Madhya Pradesh |
| 13. | Mangoes | Maharashtra |
| 14. | Apples | Jammu & Kashmir |
| 15. | Flowers | Tamil Nadu |
| 16. | Kesar Mangoes | Maharashtra |
| 17. | Flowers | Maharashtra |
| 18, | Walnut | Jammu & Kashmir |
| 19. | Litchi | West Bengal |
| 20. | Litchi | Bihar |
| 21. | Mango and Grapes | Andhra Pradesh |
| 22. | Mango & Vegetables | Gujarat |
| 23. | Potatoes | West Bengal |
| 24. | Flowers | Uttaranchal |